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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service



Message from the Senior Warden...

Hello church members and friends. Thank you so much for all you have done to create such a beautiful church scene for Easter. The flowers were lovely and the Altar Guild has done a great job helping to prep for the Easter celebration.

As you know, the church members and guests have been given to opportunity to provide some suggestions for improvements this year. The Vestry has reviewed those proposals and you can see from the attached list that windows, outdoor signage, memorial garden and ceiling fans seem to be the top concerns. We already are in the process of attempting to put together estimates and recommendations on how we could proceed with these projects and what kind of cost implications they have. Once we have determined those things, we will come back to you and see how we can fund them. You all remember that this is an act of faith and we can only do what we can afford to do as we have no money in our budget to deal with any of these issues.

I look forward to seeing you all this summer season and working with you. We will have opportunities at the church which you can help by volunteering for, including a cleanup day that I hope will be coming soon.

Chapin Cook

2026 Capital Improvement Program – St. Christopher's

<u>1</u>	Windows
<u>2</u>	Memorial Garden
<u>4</u>	Fans in Sanctuary
<u>6</u>	Glass Wall in Gathering Space
<u>5</u>	Organ Enclosure
<u>3</u>	Outdoor Sign

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Vestry 2026

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Jane Brewer (2029) Rod Bytwerk (2028)
Chapin Cook (2028)

Upcoming Lessons

May 3
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 17
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 24
Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

May 31
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2: Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 7
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK



If the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers" holds true, there ought to be an abundance of flow! We certainly have had our share of rain. I often wonder how often we see beauty around us, and we just miss it because we take it for granted.

We are constantly bombarded with the troubles of the world. Our news outlets and our newspapers are filled with bad news. Wars, crimes, weather disasters, crimes and illnesses, death and destruction. When we see so much of this, it's hard not to become tainted in our outlook on life.

Can you imagine what might happen if the opposite were true? What if our news outlets and newspapers reported nothing but good news? Stories of people helping people. Stories of joy and peace. Stories about how simple acts of kindness changed the world for someone. Wouldn't that be amazing?

Sadly, we don't see that much good news when we watch tv or podcasts on our phones or tablets. Even many of our tv shows are about crime and murder, greed and retribution. I'm not suggesting that we turn our televisions off. (Although, it might be a good idea now and then!)

Do we see the glass half empty or half full? Maybe, it would be better to simply see a glass with water for what it is. Water. Water is good. It is cleansing, refreshing, life giving and life sustaining.

During this season of Easter and as we approach the celebration of Pentecost, maybe we can just pause to see the world as it is meant to be. God created a paradise for us. It is still God's creation. It is still filled with beauty, grace, and love. Just as the two disciples did not recognize Jesus as they were walking towards Emmaus, we sometimes miss out on all that God has done (and continues to do) for us.

So, pause. Ask God for eyes that see. See the goodness in one another. See the goodness in the world. And to be that joy, that love, that acceptance, that peace, that hope, we are all called to be, and the world so desperately needs. Remember the waters of baptism. They washed us clean. We are children of the Most High God. Remember that.

May God continue to bless you, and may you have eyes that see, ears that are open, and a heart filled with joy, love and peace.

Jerry+





The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, all funds given toward pledges received in the current calendar year must be deposited and posted to the same calendar year. We can no longer accept advanced payment of pledges for the next calendar year.

Thank you for your understanding.



Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Cycle of Prayer

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Under the direction of Bishop Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries provides pastoral care and support to members of the military and federal agencies. This week's updates include:

Cycle of Prayer 2026. You can find the complete cycle at www.episcopalchurch.org under Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of May 3. Those serving in North Carolina -- Camp Lejeune, Fort Liberty, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Federal Correctional Complex Butner, and the VA Durham Health Care System.

Week of May 10. Those serving North Dakota --at Minot Air Force Base, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Camp Grafton, Fargo Air National Guard Base, and the Fargo VA Health Care System.

Week of May 17. Those serving in Ohio - at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, the 178th Wing Air National Guard Federal Correctional Institution Elkton, and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Week of May 24. Those serving in Oklahoma --at Tinker Air Force Base, Fort Sill, Altus Air Force Base, Vance Air Force Base, Federal Correctional Institution El Reno, and the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center.

Week of May 31. Those serving in Pennsylvania --at Carlisle Barracks, Letterkenny Army Depot, Fort Indianatown Gap, Federal Correctional Institution Schuylkill, and the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.



Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at noon.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in April: The Choir, Chuck & Gerry Rudduck, Jeff & Kim Parker and Flo Gjerstad. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 11:45 am. Escamilla Amigos Cantina, 10006 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc.

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.

Important Notice

Father Jerry will be out of the office until May 17, 2026. If you have an emergency or need assistance, please contact the Church Office.

Thank you!



Please mark your calendars for the annual Lansing Lugnuts baseball group outing for Thursday, July 23, 2026. The cost for tickets will be \$12/per person. More information and sign-ups will begin in mid-May.

From the Music Room...



Greetings from the Music Room!

As we shift into the merry month of May, I would like to introduce a few newer members of our choir. A number of you may have noticed one of our recent additions to our choir, specifically to the soprano section, Isabella Edmunds. I have had the honor of working with Izzy since she was a very young singer. She is from Fenton, and will soon be graduating from Fenton High School---and then she will be enjoying yet another summer up at Interlochen. From there, Izzy will be starting her new life as a college freshman at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. We all are very proud of Izzy and will more than likely be making many treks to Ann Arbor to see Izzy perform. Speaking of an upcoming performance of Izzy's, the weekend of May 2nd, Isabella will be singing the leading role in Dean Burry's operatic adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit". Izzy will be essaying the role of Bilbo Baggins' adventure with dwarves, elves and the dragon Smaug. The performance takes place at 2 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit, MI. This is a family friendly production, and a great way to introduce younger audiences to the art form of opera.

Also joining us is a wonderful soprano, Mitra Darak, who has just recently returned to the area from Austin, Texas. I was so thrilled when I learned that she and her husband, Michael Jennings, were coming back to the area. I was so happy I bumped into Michael at FIM, and I asked him what his lovely wife might be up to these days---and lo and behold---she has had time to sing with us. Thank you so much, Mitra. And lastly, if I may introduce, a young baritone from the Mt. Pleasant area, Michael Davis. Michael has studied at the U of M Flint over the years, and is also back in the area, and was missing singing in church. We are so very happy to have him with us for a time.

Several of you have inquired as to the well-being of Jeff Fisk! So, yes, the deer with which he had an encounter did not fare as well as Jeff's vehicle, but, despite this, Jeff's car needed to be repaired. He was able to sing with us today, and hopefully will avoid any further wildlife so we can have him at least until the end of May.

Also, if you have time on May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., a number of singers from our choir will be performing in the Flint Symphony Orchestra's Choral Masterworks Concert, which will take place at The First Presbyterian Church of Flint--Judith Conyers, Audrey Ditri, Andrew Wilson, Sarah Loomis, Mitra Darak, Jeff Fisk, Mike Davis all will be performing in the glorious Beethoven Mass in C. Also on the program is the Beethoven "Hallelujah" from his gorgeous choral work, "The Mount of Olives". It will be a fantastic program, and members of the Flint Symphony Orchestra will be playing. The rehearsal process for this program was started by our beloved Jeffrey Walker, in September of 2025. He planned the music and rehearsed us every week, up until his untimely passing. We will be presenting this concert in Jeff's honor.

Shirley Showler---thank you for the lavish praise you bestowed upon us today. We, too, loved the pieces we sang and we are so glad they were a few of your favorites! Thank you for telling us! It meant so much to everyone.

Thank you, everyone, for all of your support. Church is the best place to be!

~ In Christ, I am yours,

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Worship Leaders for May 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOW- ERS
<u>May 3</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	Danielle Bear	Don & Marcie Davidson
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky & Jane Yorks		Louise McAra		
<u>May 10</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/Susan Armstrong	Jane Brewer & Jacob Stuart		-----	Chapin Cook & Ellen Safley	Rod & Cindy Bytwerk
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk	Rene Carpenter & Christine Jacob		Jane Brewer		
<u>May 17</u>						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/Dave Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	Available	Available
10:15 am	Mary Little	Becky Stermer & Flo Gjerstad		Gerry Rudduck		
<u>May 24</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Susan Arm- strong	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Jeff & Kim Parker	Dave & Karen Miller
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn	Bill Hartley & Jan Taylor		Colleen Shrank		
<u>May 31</u>						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/Kay Van Natta	Jane Brewer & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	Available	Available
10:15 am	Bob Luckey/LEM & Steve Huber/L	Flo Gjerstad & Rod Pierson		Shirley Showler		